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To Whom It May Concern:

On June 5, 2016, I went to the emergency room for the second time in a week. When I came back, I was told by nursing that I was going to a nursing unit which would be either Rankin 1 or 2 South.

At first I said Rankin 1. However, before I went anywhere, I had my blood pressure taken. It was also high. I chose to go to 2 South because I wanted to see Dr. Bates. That same day while on 2 South, during the 2nd shift around 10 PM, I asked to have my blood pressure checked. It was 190/80. I asked to take my blood pressure meds. The nurse said he could not give them to me yet.

After the third shift nurse came on and around 11:30 or 12:00 I asked her if she would take my blood pressure. Her response was that we take blood pressure every four hours-10:00PM, 2:00AM, 6:00AM and so on. I then explained that I was there because of high blood pressure. I told her that second shift took it before shift change and it was high. She then took it and it was 200//82. She called the house supervisor. While trying to give her information, I could tell that second shift did not give her any information about me.

The house supervisor had her call the doctor to see what meds to give me. I was not happy with the meds the doctor wanted to give to me.

I then said I want to see Dr. Bates in the morning. She told me Dr. Bates was on leave and would not be back for two weeks. I started going off at times saying that is why I came there. She called the house supervisor at this time to come and talk to me.

After talking to the house supervisor, I was upset and asked to go to the hospital, but not to the emergency room. The house supervisor told me I could not go. I then got upset and left 2 South to go to Rankin 1.

The nurse in Rankin took my blood pressure. By then, it was 227/104. She called the house supervisor and told her. The nurse was upset with the house supervisor. By 4:30AM, my blood pressure was coming down. I went to my old room on Rankin 3.

At about 10:00AM I woke up and took some of my meds that I still had there. I then went to my social worker, but she was not available. I then went to Rankin 1 and said I wanted to stay there. They said I had to get approval from Shelly W. I want to find Shelly and was told she was in a meeting. At around 12:00PM, I had a meeting with Shell, Maria, and my social worker. At this time, Maria convinced me to stay there.

That night around 10:30PM, the second shift asked me if she could give 40 units of slow acting insulin or did I want to give it to myself. I said, "Let's check it." When she said it was 175, I said, "No, just give me 10 units." She agreed to it. But told me that if it were high in the morning, I would have to take the fast acting insulin. I agreed to that. I took the 10 units.

At 5:45AM, the third shift nurse asked me if I wanted to take my shot of 90 units slow acting insulin or did I want her to give it to me. At that, I asked if I could take a blood sugar test. She did it. My sugar level was 80. I refused the insulin at this time. We ate breakfast at 7:15AM.

I went again and talked to my social worker about what happened again. Then I went ant talked to Scott, the COO, of the Home. Scott was not available, so I talked to Steve. I told Steve that Shelly and Nehome, the one in charge of Rankin 1 and 2 South that I wanted to go to Rankin 1 and get off of 2 South. Both nurses said it was ok, but the doctor on Rankin 1 said that I could not. Steve said that he would talk to both of them before making a decision on it.

I asked to see the doctor on ^{Rankin} 2 South. He saw me at the nurses' station. We talked in the hallway and not in a closed room. There were people walking by who could have heard all my medical issues.

Later I was told that Steve said that I could not go to Rankin 1. Both Rankin 1 and 2 South are nursing units.

Respectfully submitted,

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